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In re Application of: :  
SANDHU *et al.* :  
Serial No.: 10/050,348 :  
Filed: January 15, 2002 :  
Attorney Docket No.: MI22-1898 :  
: DECISION

This is a decision on the petition filed August 12, 2003. The petition has been treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.181. No fee is required.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application was held abandoned for failure to timely pay the required issue fee in response to a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due (Notice) mailed on February 11, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on August 04, 2003.

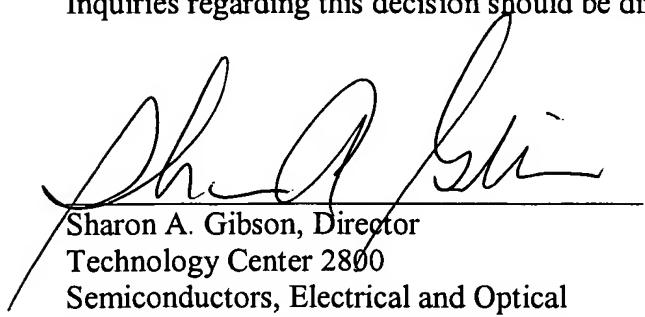
The petitioner asserts that on May 07, 2003, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), with an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and a Preliminary Amendment were filed. To support this assertion, the petitioner has provided a copy of the RCE.

A review of the application file reveals the above noted RCE, IDS and Preliminary Amendment were not matched with the application file wrapper at the time of mailing of the Notice of Abandonment; however, it has since been located and matched with the file wrapper.

For the above stated reason, the petition is granted. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. The application is restored to pending status.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center 2800 support staff for processing the RCE. From there, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for taking appropriate action.

Inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Clayton E. LaBalle at (571) 272-1594.



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